

REHFEIT CAN NOT SURVIVE

Belief Exists That Victim of the Shooting Tuesday Night Will Die.

HIS WIFE REFUSES TO COME.

Once Tried to Kill Himself On Her Account.

Death hovered all night over Harry Rehfeit, the young man who was shot Tuesday by Wabash Detective J. J. McHugh.

His father and two fellow workmen watched carefully over the young man but could do little to keep him quiet. He was partially under the influence of opiates and at an early hour this morning was resting easy, but the passing of his life would not have been unexpected at any moment.

At the young man's home the anxious mother and sister were in despair and expected at most any time to hear that the young man was dead.

Has Not Been Moved.

Rehfeit remained at the residence of John Salogaga. He was taken there just after the shooting as it was the most convenient house and the doctors advised that he be not moved until he showed some signs of improvement. Several physicians have visited Wednesday, but none were inclined to bode much hope for his recovery, but said that there was a chance. In such cases the doctors say it depends upon whether or not inflammation sets in and it is something of the kind develops.

The doctors insisted upon Rehfeit being kept quiet and this rule was carried out, excepting the father who is caring for him and the father who is admitted to the house. Many called to see him but none were allowed to go inside and were simply told of Rehfeit's condition.

Comfortable at Night.

Rehfeit is in a room at the back part of the Salogaga residence and is being given every attention. Quiet is the most that he needs and during the early part of the night he slept without disturbance. The brother, John, who had been watching at the bedside for many hours, went home for a rest and the father stayed with his son.

Family Lost Hope. The father was called from the Rehfeit residence on East Condit street and Dr. Will Chenoweth made a call at the Salogaga residence the mother and sister of Rehfeit lost hope and thought that he was dying. The mother hurried to the Salogaga residence, but it was thought best not to let her see her son.

Mrs. Rehfeit and her daughters last night seemed to have but little hope for the recovery of the injured man.

WIFE CANNOT COME.

Telegram was sent her—Rehfeit Once Cut His Throat for Her.

Rehfeit's wife cannot come to his death bed. She is now in Iowa. The story is that a few weeks ago Rehfeit and his wife separated and that she went to Iowa. A telegram was sent to this effect telling her of the condition of her husband and a reply was received stating that Mrs. Rehfeit could not come to Decatur. It is said she had come and that she would not have reached Decatur in time to see her husband alive.

Cut His Throat. Mrs. Rehfeit was formerly Bonnie Ellis and she lived in the country. There is quite a romance connected with the marriage. Some five or six years ago the Rehfeit family, Harry Rehfeit became violently attached to Bonnie Ellis and because she did not marry him he attempted to cut his throat. Rehfeit recovered from the effects and afterward he and the young woman were married.

WILL GO TO JAIL.

McHugh Will Be Put Behind the Bars When Rehfeit Dies on Bond.

It was stated by the officials last night that as soon as Rehfeit died Detective McHugh would be taken in charge and put in jail. He is now out on bond on the charge of assault with intent to do harm. Rehfeit was shot with a .38 Smith & Wesson revolver. The officials do not believe that McHugh is capable of doing this.

Deputy With Him.

Deputy P. K. Albe was with McHugh all night Tuesday and all day Wednesday until about 4 p. m. when McHugh gave bond. This was done at the Wabash hospital where McHugh is still staying.

McHugh had suffered some injuries and it was necessary for him to stay in the hospital so the officer remained with him. Justice James O'Mara before whom the warrant charging McHugh with assault with intent to murder was returned, took the bond and there were two sureties, one of whom was Charles Needham of the Wabash. After the bond was furnished Deputy Albe was working.

Attorney C. C. Leforge was working Wednesday in behalf of the Wabash detective. He interviewed a number of the witnesses of the shooting.

QUIT IN NORTHEAST END.

Officers Had No Trouble Last Night in Neighborhood of Disturbance.

Everything was quiet last night in the neighborhood in which the shooting took place. The sheriff's deputies and the city police force were in the part of the city where the disturbance and by 10 o'clock the district was in the hands of the police who usually patrol that part of the city. Once during the early part of the night Capt. Koopke met a crowd of men. He asked them not to congregated and to be as quiet as possible and they scattered and no other crowds were encountered.

Capt. Koopke suggested to one of the Wabash officers that the railroad detectives confine themselves entirely to the railroad property and leave the rest of the city to the city police force and this was done. The policemen there said they officers say that they will have no trouble with the strikers as they are acquainted with the men.

R. N. Andrews, editor and mgr. of the Rockledge News, Decatur, Fla., writes: "I have used your Herbine in my family and find it a most excellent medicine. Its effects upon myself have been most marked. I recommend it unhesitatingly."

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HARRY REHFEIT.

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A DUAL ATHLETIC MEET

Y. M. C. A. and J. M. U. Plan for a Contest On Monday Afternoon At Race Track.

SOME FAST WORK IS EXPECTED.

On Memorial day the Y. M. C. A. and the James Millikin University will have an athletic meet at the league park and it promises to be pretty fast. Some good material has been developed and it is thought that the meet will be one of the fastest ever held here. The following will be the events of the meet:

Pole vault.
Shot put twelve pounds.
Hammer throw; twelve pounds.
High jump.
100-yard dash.
220-yard dash.
440-yard dash.
Half mile run.
One mile run.
Mile race.
This last event will not count in the total for points.

Among the Y. M. C. A. members who will probably take part in the meet are Parrish, Skelley, Garland, George Toland, Walter Manning, George Owens, Kenneth Wadwell, Dick Moore, Fred Benton, Art Connard and Mike Cheney.

C. S. Redman, the champion discus thrower of the University of Illinois and in truth one of the best in the west, will probably take part. He is a member of the Decatur Y. M. C. A. and will probably be here to help out the association.

The University will probably be represented by Walter, Harry and Arthur Gunder, Milton Sturm, Don Lehman, McDavid, Sprague, Moore, Davidson, Wozniak, Hollis, Pierce, Ross, Morrow, Bob Benton and Barr.

The Y. M. C. A. people know that they can beat the Van Guilders if they succeed in getting them full of water. At Springfield a couple of years ago a meet was held and during practice one of the Van Guilders threw a hammer 135 feet. He became rather drunk and when he had finished he drank a great deal of water and when the contest came off he was not able to throw the hammer over 90 feet.

Y. M. C. A. people certainly have good reason to want to get their full of water.

There are to be three track and three field judges one referee for the track and one for the field and one starter and three timekeepers and one official to be chosen from among the following: Professor Bailey, Professor Moser, Fred Platt, Dr. Adams, Ed O'Neil, Forrest Pitt, Mr. Keaton, Professor Thompson, John McAllister and Winterbottom.

MACCABEES OF WORLD.

Gave An Entertainment and Dance Last Evening.

The Knights of the Maccabees of the World gave an entertainment in the Mueller hall last night which was well attended. A good program was given and it was followed by a dance. The following solo—Grace Anderson, Jolly Joe's Lady Minstrels.

Recreation—Willy McCool.

Fencing bout—Maude Kennedy and Grace Willis.

Instrumental solo—Nellie Gephart.

Song and dance sketch—Misses Kennedy and Willis.

Instrumental solo—Miss Maude Carter.

The lady minstrel sketch was given in black face and was especially good. Elmer Barkman acted as master of ceremonies.

FAMILY REUNION

Being Arranged for Mrs. Henry Shields of This City.

Mrs. Henry Shields is now arranging for a family reunion. For twenty-five years she had not heard of her sister who is in the state. Mrs. Shields died when she was about three years old and the children were separated, there being two sisters and a brother. About five years ago Mrs. Shields learned that her brother was in Shawneetown, Ill. and she wrote to him and lately she found out where her sister is.

W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. will meet this afternoon with Mrs. Andrews, 947 North Water street, at 2:30 o'clock. Following the regular meeting the city executive committee will hold a meeting.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Took in Six—The Fraternal Tribunes held a meeting Tuesday evening and initiated six candidates. At the close of the work the two drill teams practiced and a dance followed.

New Fittings—Baker and Higman, having charge of the St. Nicholas barber shop at having their place re-decorated and refurnished. They have just received handsome new furniture.

New Bass—The Decatur Cadets have purchased a new 26-inch bass drum for their drum corps and it was first try out Tuesday night. The name of the company is to be painted on the drum and it will do duty at the world's fair when the boys make their trip next month.

Kindred Club—The members of the Kindred club met yesterday with Mrs. Lichtenberger on West Wood street and had a jolly time.

Lawn Social—The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will have a lawn social this evening at the home of James Record northeast of the city and all the young people of the city and all the young people of the congregation are cordially invited to attend whether members of the Endeavor society or not. The young people will go out to the end of the Conditt street line and will walk the remaining distance, about four or five blocks. All who attend to go are requested to be at the transfer house by 7:30 o'clock.

Program—A literary program will be given this evening at the Epworth League meeting of the German Methodist church.

Enters for Prize—Glen McWilliams yesterday entered for the fourth prize in the fourth district of the City Interests committee's beauty contest.

Drill at Picnic—On the 17th day of next month, when the Sunday school of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will have a picnic at Fairview park the Decatur Cadets and the cadet girls' drill corps will be present and give a full dress drill.

Excused—The jurors in the county court have been excused for the rest of the term and there will be no more juries until the August term. Judge Smith will hear all motions for new trials June 7.

Guilty—Herman Koshensky was taken before Justice McCoy Wednesday and pleaded guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace. He paid a fine of \$5 and costs and was released.

Concerts at Forsyth—The Forsyth band has arranged to give a series of open air concerts and they will begin next Tuesday evening.

Speaks at Benmont—Attorney Alexander McIntosh will deliver an address on Decoration day to deliver an address.

Closed Contract—The highway commissioners held a meeting Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of closing the contract with William Disney who is to gravel the Rock Springs road. He is to receive 65 cents a yard for the work. The contract was signed and the work will begin as soon as possible.

Administrative—Milly Veech was Wednesday appointed administratrix of the estate of the late Jasper Reach and gave bond in the sum of \$2,000. Judge Smith appointed James Collier, Milton Lutz and Peter Mayberry as appraisers.

Hit By Auto—Roland Walter, aged fourteen years, was run over by a Farria automobile Tuesday evening. He was riding a bicycle on Cerro Gordo street and the auto turned from Water street and struck the boy on the wheel. Young Walter was thrown off his wheel and his foot was injured and he is laid up as a result.

NAVAL RESERVES COMING

On Sunday to Unveil Monument to Walter Eaton.

Sunday a squad of twenty-five naval reserves from the battleship Missouri will be in the city to unveil a monument which has been erected in Greenwood cemetery to Walter Eaton, who was on the battleship Kentucky.

The reserves will be under the command of Captain Gray and they will have charge of the ceremony which will take place at 10 o'clock.

In the evening the reserves will attend the service at the First Baptist church.

True Heroine.

Kitty—I've just saved Tom's life. George—How?

Kitty—He said if I refused him he'd shoot himself, and I accepted him.

A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. Van Metre of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of bronchitis and for a year tried everything but failed. In the evening the reserves will attend the service at the First Baptist church."

Shorter Hours.

The Illinois Central has ordered a reduction of the hours of work in the reduction of the machinery department on all parts of the system. The hours of work will be nine a day. The order was effective on Tuesday.

Valuable Dogs.

Engineer Henry Ably has presented to his friends, Dispatcher Handasy and Engineer Gibson, each a Livestock dog. The dogs are now just here.

A. L. DAY LEAVES

Clinton District of the Illinois Central for Carbondale Where He Will Serve As Trainmaster.

IS SUCCEEDED BY S. WILLIAMS.

Plea For Neglected Official—Row Over G. A. R. Rates.

Scott Williams has been named trainmaster on the Clinton district of the Illinois Central to succeed A. L. Day who has been transferred to a similar position with headquarters at Carbondale. Scott Williams was one of the oldest men and frequently did duty as extra passenger conductor. His appointment is no surprise to the railroad men or to his friends off of the road. When C. E. Taylor resigned the position of trainmaster several months ago it was suspected that Williams would be named as his successor. Among the railroad men he is recognized as one of the most capable men in the train service. He began his railroad work in Decatur and was afterwards yardmaster at this point. Then he entered the train service and has been in that department ever since, having been in the Central all told about eighteen years. The transfer of Mr. Day to Carbondale is not explained in detail except that there is a vacancy there and he has been assigned.

There is also a rumor that lacks confirmation, to the effect that Trainmaster Porterfield of the Springfield division has been transferred to the south of the city as superintendent. The change by which Mr. Williams became trainmaster of this division was effective last night.

A Neglected Employee.

At a meeting of the New York Railroad club last week W. O. Thompson, division superintendent of motive power for the New York Central, read a paper on the "Roundhouse Foreman of 1904," in which he dwelt upon the value of that official to the road. He said his position is one of the most important spokes in the wheel of the mechanical department of today. A great deal of care is exercised in selecting foremen in all departments of railroad shops and the results are very gratifying, but the roundhouse foreman does not get the same attention. He thought the roundhouse foreman should be on a level with the master mechanic. He should be a man of clear judgment and understand how to handle men, as they come in contact with him. He should be a man who has his rights, and to obtain the best results he should be endowed with as much or more diplomacy as are foreign ministers. He must be able to conclude quickly, by listening to the absorption of the condition of an engine whether it is legitimate or if it will run another trip without repairs. He must be a good all-around organizer and capable of taking care of his business during rush hours. He should be an engineer of knowledge, ability, must have the ability to do work that can be started or not done at all and the engines be safe for one or more trips. He must be broad-minded enough to recognize that there is a commercial side to the transportation of freight and passengers. He said: "Do not believe that you can get a man with all the above-mentioned qualifications where he is making \$150 to \$175 a month for working one-half of his time. Don't believe your roundhouse foreman is a failure to consider when reductions in expenses become necessary." The address contained many points of interest to railroad employees.

Row Over Rates.

Indications of trouble among the eastern railroads over rates for the Grand Army encampment at Boston, Mass. The Trunk Line and Central Passenger association reads a short time ago a letter to the Grand Army to the effect that the Chicago to Boston rate is \$22, and the differential rate is \$19.

Although the rate granted for the encampment is the lowest ever made for any occasion, the so-called differential lines want a still lower rate, applying the differential they get on first class business. The Grand Army refused to consent to this, claiming that the bulk of the business would go by the differential lines.

The Michigan Central has announced that it proposes to make as low a rate as it can for the Grand Army encampment. It is made by the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk says its rate shall be nineteen-twenty-seconds of the Michigan Central's rate. The Erie, Nickel Plate and Wabash have also given notice that they will make the same rate as the Grand Trunk. Unless the trunk line presidents take up the matter and bring about a settlement the Grand Army veterans stand a good chance of getting low rates this year before the annual encampment then ever before.

Electric Road to Indianapolis.

One of the most important enterprises yet undertaken by the electric road building in Indiana has been put under way by the Chicago and Northern Indiana railroad a few days ago filing articles of incorporation in Indianapolis. It is the intention of the corporation to build an electric road from Chicago to Indianapolis over a private right of way. The nominal capital stock named in the articles is \$1,000,000. It is said that many of the promoters of the project. One of the promoters of the project says the road proposes to operate in competition with the steam road and that it will be equipped with standard passenger cars and Pullman sleepers.

Special to St. Louis.

The Wabash will have two special trains out of Chicago today for St. Louis. There will be two coaches on each train and they will carry the Illinois Cadets and their friends to St. Louis to attend the ceremonies of dedicating the Illinois building at the fair.

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months old and are expected to develop into fine bird dogs. Handasy sent his dog to his stock farm at Lanesville. He declares that he would not accept \$500 in cash for his dog and he knows that Gibson refused an offer of \$1000 for his pet. To appreciate the true worth of the pups of the stock farm, Handasy yesterday afternoon pulled the pup of the end of a piece of white twine the average man would not have given ten cents for the runt that pulled back and whined as though it was scared to death.

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Motto for the convention next Tuesday: "Do It Now."

The republican state convention was a little too deliberative.

Illinois is destined to endorse Hearst and the yellow flag.

A state primary election law is the logical outcome of the deadlock.

Corn planting does not appear to hasten the grand jury's session.

Chicago got a Methodist bishop. That is something, even if it should fail to get a governor.

Anxious Reader: Yes, Wisconsin democrats turned Willie Hearst's picture to the Wall.

It is vaguely hinted that Bryan is preparing to spring a speech on the St. Louis convention. This is news.

Dowie still thinks he can convert New York. Is any further evidence needed that he is crazy.

Springfield Hotel Keeper to St. Louis Hotel Keeper—Isn't this a snap? World's fairs are not in it.

The mothers' congress neglected to fix the proper age at which children might seek and obtain divorces.

The supreme court decision does not prevent any American anarchist from leaving the country and staying left.

Possibly the river made St. Louis before the day of railroads but now it is its chief obstacle to growth.

Tom Johnson is for Fort for president. This is the severest blow the plucky St. Louis prosecutor has ever received.

Folk will be the democratic candidate for governor of Missouri. The people have thrown down the boulders and grafters.

The city council could do a wise thing in making it possible for the mayor to suppress useless noise on the Fourth of July.

Could the federal supreme court suggest some method by which Herr Most and Emma Goldman might be sent abroad for the good of this country?

Democrats are looking for a man who has a few thousands to invest in empty fame. They want to run him for governor of Illinois. So far the crop is light.

The St. Louis exposition occupies too much ground. If it stood on 600 acres instead of 1,200 it would be far more effective and could be seen with much less labor and expense.

With headquarters at from \$30 to \$50 a day for a room at the Leland the thought of being governor is no light and airy thing.

Those who want to see all the St. Louis exposition should not be in a hurry. It will be a month yet before it is fully going.

The friends of candidates for offices other than governor should insist that these shall be at once taken up by prolonged balloting ensues next week.

Springfield hotel keepers care little who holds the offices if they can be allowed to hold up the delegates and visitors.

The Hall of Fraternity at the St. Louis exposition represents a combined membership of 8,000,000. This is a grand army indeed.

Miss Alice Roosevelt is expected in St. Louis next Thursday morning and it is expected that after she arrives there will be something doing in the old town.

Gov. Yates should not lightly esteem that \$17,500 salary at the Mexican court. If the fortunes of war should go against him it would be a very convenient place to head in.

One excellent feature about the Illinois deadlock is that there is no sign of a bolt no matter what the outcome may be. All will accept the result and the ticket will sweep the state in November.

The Chicago idea is to agree on a new man for governor so that the Lowden and Deneen forces can unite upon him. He would still need 200 votes. Chicago's schemes do not always go through.

Canon hit the center of the target. He said that there is no merit

in merely sticking. Any fool can do that. It is the wise man who can change his mind and vote as circumstances require.

The president denies having in any way tried to influence the republicans of Illinois in their choice for governor. He says no one is authorized to offer Yates or any other man a job to get him out of the way.

The Springfield convention is proving to be a tragedy. For some days it looked a farce or a comedy. The death from worry and excitement of one candidate and the probable collapse of others makes it a serious business.

The city council should not be too lavish in spending money on salaries. It is easy to pay out other people's money. Public officers should be fairly compensated but not beyond what would be paid for similar service by private enterprises.

Webster Davis made a claim of \$1,500,000 against the Boer government. He has generously marked it down to \$1,415,000. Hereafter the reflection in calling him Lobster Davis will be abundantly justified. Think of a man deliberately throwing away \$85,000!

Springfield ought to make a large subscription to the republican campaign fund. The delegates and alternates and visiting statesmen have left about \$5,000 a day in Springfield hotels and boarding houses. Possibly some also went to worse places.

Wisconsin appears headed for a democratic state administration. One term will probably be enough. The leaders of the two republican factions will soon be willing to settle down and be good. Still the national convention and the courts may save the fools from their folly.

The state republican platform was adopted without opposition. There is, therefore, no division on principle. The contest is purely personal and for party control. For this reason when the convention meets on the 31st there should be a speedy breaking of the deadlock.

For 58 times Macon county responded "15 votes for Hamlin." Do you hear that Mr. Hamlin? When your friends get to Champagne June 14 they will have no right to disregard Macon county's unwavering loyalty to the Attorney General. If they get this Shellabarger will go to congress.

A Texas sheriff caught a murderer by following him in an automobile. The murderer had a good start but the sheriff ran him down within four miles of the place where the crime was committed. This beats the blood hound plan providing the culprit will always be considerate enough to stick to the road.

The dedication of the Illinois state building at the world's fair will take place next Friday. Gov. Yates will take four bands and one thousand cadets from the Illinois State university. This it must be conceded is fair to all other candidates for governor. The governor might have taken his entire delegation instead of the cadets.

One of the candidates before the Springfield convention is dead. R. B. Fort, candidate for lieutenant governor, was taken sick during the convention and has died since adjournment. The excitement and worry told on him. Pneumonia set in and did its deadly work. He was the son of Greenbury L. Fort, a prominent member of congress a few years ago.

Decatur should be proud of its musical achievements. Many much larger cities cannot produce the masterpieces of human song as they have been given in Decatur in recent years. The present May Festival is a fitting climax to the many years of hard work by music lovers under the efficient leadership of Mr. S. M. Lutz, and the faithful, patient study of the members of the chorus.

One week from today the state convention will re-assemble. It is sincerely to be hoped that the dreary monotony of the roll call will be short-lived. Delegates should forget their partisan loyalty to one man and vote for some other equally good and capable man when it appears that their first choice can not win. Give the party a chance. The candidates have had a good long inning.

There is a grave rupture between President Loubet of France and the pope. Many believe that this will lead to the early separation of church and state in the French Republic. The pope objects to Loubet visiting the King of Italy, thereby recognizing that the civil government is above the pontifical power. The pope still holds to the theory that Italy is under his control.

Champaign is getting ready to celebrate June 14 as "McKinley day" in honor of their candidate for congress. They should bear in mind that this is not the year when delegates can be stampeded by noise and demonstration. Springfield has shown that it is not easy to sweep determined men off their feet. The McKinley boomers may find that the Shellabarger forces will not be moved by Champaign shouters and boomers. Shellabarger will have some rosters of his own.

At last the fact of the business getting power of newspaper publicity has stirred up the flour men. The Northwestern millers have complained that through newspaper advertising the health food or breakfast food men have gained a vast trade, some of it at the expense of the white flour millers. After a long controversy, the latter have reached the conclusion that the only

way to defend themselves is to buy newspaper space liberally. It is newspaper advertising which creates business and the lack of it which causes a decline in business.

All the candidates for governor are again in action in Chicago. They are all pursuing the delegates, except Gov. Yates, who is still bombarding the multitude with speeches. What the people want is for the candidates to release the delegates from their ownership so that a suitable man may be promptly chosen when the convention re-assembles next Tuesday. It is far more important that the republicans like sensible men, agree upon one of the many able men and present him, close up the business and adjourn. Should the interminable balloting be resumed the masses will say some warm things to the delegates. Nominate a ticket. Do it now.

The St. Louis fair managers were preparing to sell tickets to stockholders at half price. This would have been in the nature of an advance dividend. Uncle Sam has an item of some ten millions invested in the big show. About half of this is a loan and to have any chance of being repaid the half rate business was stopped with a sudden jerk. The government commissioners vetoed the plan and tickets will not be sold for less than the full price. It is easy to see how thrifty stockholders could get large block of 25-cent tickets, put them on the market at a little less than what is paid at the gates, get their money back, and let Uncle Sam hold the sack.

The republican platform, which is to be presented for the ratification of the Chicago convention, has been written. It will be presented to the committee on resolutions by its probable chairman, Senator Lodge. The tariff plank is perhaps the most important. On good authority, it is said to read as follows: "Protection which guards and develops our industries is a cardinal principle of the republican party. We insist upon the maintenance of this principle, but we recognize that particular tariff schedules are neither sacred nor immutable. Rates of duty may be altered when changed conditions demand their alteration, but no revision should be undertaken unless it is clear that the benefit will more than compensate for the disturbance of business which inevitably attends a revision of tariff schedules. Nor can such revision be entrusted with safety to any other than the party of protection. To intrust it to the democratic party is again to invite the democratic disaster and panic of 1903."

The Lake Erie railroad will put electric motor cars on its line to compete with the interurbans. This is significant. It is a direct admission that the interurban roads have attracted a good deal of the traffic that otherwise would go to the steam line and that the steam road must take some means to hold its business. The electric motor car on the rails of the steam line would have all the attractions it has on the interurban and there appears to be no reason why it should not succeed. The ultimate effect of this change might be to drive the interurbans more into populous country districts, a profitable field which would still remain open to them. The practicability of operating motor cars on the long lines remains to be demonstrated but if the Lake Erie can make the plan successful on short stretches the conclusion seems reasonable that they may be eventually put into the longer service. The outlook seems encouraging for the motor car as against the steam railroad.

At the national congress of Mothers recently held in Chicago. One of the vital social themes discussed was divorce. It was handled with freshness and authority by Francis A. Lewis, prosecuting attorney of Philadelphia, an investigator and writer. Mr. Lewis pressed the point that the problem is not one of divorce, but of remarriage after divorce. Here the ministry should make its stand for the sanctity of a threatened institution. He holds that too many clergymen regard a marriage license as a writ of mandamus. If remarriage could be accomplished only through a civil magistrate society would thus put its ban upon the practice. Mr. Lewis further holds that the cry we raise against the Mormon who has five wives at once should also be raised against the man who has five wives tandem. Striking statistical information was laid before the congress when it was announced that between 1867 and 1901, in Canada, there were granted sixty-nine divorces, while for the same period in the United States were granted 700,000. Furthermore, the divorce ratio in Ohio, which, in 1870, was one in twenty-five, had become in 1902 one in eight.

A BAD PRECEDENT. Government by committee is bad government. The action of the republican state convention of Illinois set a dangerous precedent in deciding the election contests without reference to the right or wrong in the case. In Wisconsin similar tactics were adopted and resulted in a bolt. By seating contesting delegates one faction controlled the convention. If the other sets of delegates had been admitted the other faction would have had the convention. In Illinois the result was not so vital. The seating of the Yates-Lowden candidates merely gave each one a few more votes but did not otherwise seriously affect the situation. Power, merely power to do a thing does not make it right. A temporary advantage may be gained but in the long run the individual or the party resorting to unfair methods will suffer loss. The republican party is too great to allow the doing of a party wrong in its name. It is to be hoped that the

high handed tactics in seating delegates in Illinois and Wisconsin will be severely censured in the national convention. State primaries are before the people of this state as the only adequate remedy for existing evils.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

The republican state convention will reconvene next Tuesday. So far no change in the situation, as it was at the time of the recess, has taken place. Yates has gone to Chicago where he is at work trying to break the Lowden following and secure a portion of it for himself. On the other hand Lowden is reported to be attacking some of the large Yates delegations in the northern part of the state and endeavoring to secure their support for himself. Deneen, Warner and Hamlin so far as known are doing little if anything to change the situation. It is not likely that the work of either Lowden or Yates will be fruitful of any change that will guarantee the nomination of either. The main question lies in the fact that none of the candidates before the convention has so far been able to produce a condition that promises a successful result. The leading candidates have all the time been about 300 short of sufficient votes to nominate. Either one of them could be nominated if he could hit upon a combination or scheme by which he could secure these necessary votes. That is to say if either one could show a logical plan by which these votes could be massed those who represent the votes would enter into the plan and close the nomination. So far nothing approaching it has been presented. Every possible effort has been made to find 300 votes that could be massed for this purpose, without success. They could not be secured from the Yates and Lowden ranks to nominate Deneen or from the Deneen and Lowden ranks to nominate Yates or from the Yates and Deneen ranks to nominate Lowden. The Warner, Hamlin, Sherman and Pierce following combined is not sufficient to nominate either one of the leading candidates and so there you are. The chances are that this situation will be the same when the convention reconvenes. Neither Yates nor Lowden could materially help himself if he succeeded in proselyting one hundred votes from the other. It is fair to assume that upon the re-assembling of the convention the situation will not have materially changed. This being true the old question comes up: What will be the result? Yates having more votes than any other candidate will claim he is entitled to the nomination and may force the convention to nominate him in the end. The delegates may conclude it is time to nominate somebody and prepare themselves for some arrangement by which they can unite on some one and nominate. This will mean one of the low men or perhaps a new man altogether but such an arrangement will not and cannot be brought about until the delegates are in a frame of mind that would cause them to leave their respective candidates to whom they have up to this time been loyal on every ballot.

GOV. ODELL'S WISE VETO.

If we could think of a stronger adjective than "wise" we would unhesitatingly use it. Wise is good as far as it goes. We refer to the action of Governor Odell in vetoing the bill passed by the last New York general assembly in which an attempt was made to give a corporation the right to utilize the incalculable power of the Niagara Falls for the exploitation of an electric power company.

It is a sad commentary upon the legislature of New York that it has become so disgusting mercenary that it would lend itself to become the tool of an aggregation of capitalists who would readily despoil the great scenic wonder of the western world in order that they might line their coffers with a few more layers of gold.

Governor Odell, however, has come to the rescue of the people, who have a venal legislature had sought to betray. He has blocked the despoiler's game. He has vetoed the bill and Niagara is safe, at least until another session of the legislature.

The whole affair ought to be a lasting lesson to the people of the state of New York. They ought to know the calibre of men they are sending to Albany. Otherwise they are liable to awaken some fine day to discover that the beautiful and historic Hudson has been leased under the terms of a 999-year franchise to a corporation for the purpose of draining the same and using the bed for the raising of garden truck for the Gotham market—Iowa Capital.

AFTER AN EVIL. The legislature of Massachusetts is getting after one of the numerous phases of the pernicious system of "tipping" for everything done. It is now rapidly reaching the point where employees who render personal service expect to be paid twice. They get the wages agreed upon and then expect the customers to pay them for rendering the service. Often it is true employers almost force waiters and porters to be beggars by the extremely low wages paid. The Massachusetts legislature has aimed a deadly blow at the perquisites of household servants, butlers, and others who are interested with the marketing and purchasing for the establishments with which they are connected.

The custom which had its origin in presenting children with sticks of candy when they run errands to the grocery, and which in that state has grown into an elaborate system of commissions to servants, has been made a misdemeanor punishable by fines ranging from \$10 to \$500, and by imprisonment not to exceed one year.

The law provides that whoever gives, offers, or promises to an agent, em-

ploye or servant any gift or gratuity whatever with intent to influence his action in relation to his principal's employer's or master's business, or any agent, employee, or servant who receives or accepts a gift or gratuity or promise, under an agreement, or with an understanding that he shall act in any particular manner in relation to his employer's business, shall be subject to conviction and punishment. The manufacturers, who have been compelled to share profits with servants or purchasing agents, are responsible for the measure.

WALL STREET HARD UP.

Walter Wellman writes to the Chicago Record-Herald that the opposition in Wall Street to President Roosevelt has settled down to the belief that he will be re-elected. This is accepted as about settled and the speculators and financiers who were disposed to blame the president with the slump in stocks have thought better of it. They have concluded, according to Mr. Wellman, that they were responsible themselves for overdoing the thing and causing a tumble of the airy fabrics they had reared. It is also intimated that Wall Street may contribute little money for either party this year for the reason the financial district is hard up. This is not at all a discouraging feature of the situation. The speculations of Wall Street are an incident of the financial situation and in no way control it. The national government does not need to take pointers from that source. And if the legitimate industries of the country are only flourishing Wall Street may be pleased or may rail and it is all the same.

SITUATION IS UNCHANGED

Principals in Republican Fight for Nomination Say Deadlock Will be Unbroken.

WATCHING BUT DOING LITTLE

The most important meeting of the republican state convention recess was held Wednesday night in Handel hall, where the Cook county delegates and alternates assembled at the invitation of the Deneen leaders, says the Record-Herald. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing plans for the convention.

Reports from the districts in which the state's attorney defeated the Lorimer machine indicate that his forces are still solid. The delegates, in circulating among the voters have met with nothing but commendation of their course. That is more, they have been admonished to continue their unwavering support when the convention reassembles next Tuesday.

Lowden Party Waits.

The Lowden managers so far have laid no plans and have made no arrangements for a meeting of the delegates. At the Lowden headquarters at the Great Northern a number of down state leaders were in conference with the candidates and Kenesaw M. Landis, his manager, but no developments came. Charles T. Cherry, J. R. Cowley of Freeport and Ex-Senator Charles T. Ogilvie were among those who called on Mr. Lowden.

With the arrival of L. Y. Sherman and Attorney General H. J. Hamlin yesterday the list of candidates now in Chicago was swelled to six. John H. Pierce is the only absentee. Both newcomers expect to do little in Cook county, being here merely to watch proceedings.

Sees No Sign of Break.

"It seems to be the same old position," said Mr. Sherman. "So far as I can learn there has been no material change in the situation. The delegates are still together and until they do nothing can be done toward breaking the deadlock."

At the Palmer House Attorney General Hamlin said that he saw nothing new in the situation.

"So far as I can learn the situation is unchanged," he said. "There is no truth in the reports that I have made any deals with any factions. My trip to St. Louis was simply for the purpose of filing a rebuttal in the drainage case and while I was there I did not see Congressman Lorimer."

Congressman Vespasian Warner conferred with several of his leading supporters who called on him at the Great Northern, but expects to do little before the convention reassembles. In this way he hopes to keep himself available as a compromise candidate.

Restive Down State.

Reports from some of the outside counties indicate that the delegates are becoming restive, and in case the deadlock continues will be ready to bolt instructions. Representative Charles A. Allen of Hoopston, one of Speaker Cannon's lieutenants in Vermilion county, from which Hamlin drew 25 votes in the convention, said:

"Republicans in my district think the deadlock should be broken, and that the first day of its reconvening." James R. Cowley of Freeport said the Stephenson county delegates had been advised by the voters to "stand pat."

THE FINISH OF HOOVER

Came While Engaged on a Private Case At Akron. A news item sent out from Akron says that Clarence Hoover, a detective in the employ of the Wabash, was shot and fatally wounded there a few days ago by a woman who mistook him for a burglar.

It is said that Williams explained his presence in that city by saying that he was working on a private case but would not reveal what it was. Hoover was stationed in Decatur for a short time last year as an assistant to the secret service man in charge of this division. His engagement here was a star performance and he was transferred to the western division. Hoover left Decatur the day after Fred Witke got through with him. Witke found Hoover and a disreputable woman in his house. They had slipped into the place unknown to the proprietor and taken possession of one of the rooms. When Witke was indignant Hoover flashed his tin star on the little man and advised that he have a care or he would be arrested. The Witke called into the room and kicked him down stairs and threw him out of the house. When the Decatur people who remember that read that Hoover was mistaken for a burglar, they wink the other eye.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Margaret Becker to Jacob Koons lot 25 of Becker place; \$400.
Eliza Murray to Alice M. Keat lot 3 in block 2 of Berry H. Cassell's second addition to Decatur; \$1.
Mary A. Cool to John T. Briggs a

lot in Bandy's addition to Decatur; \$4000.

James D. Johnson to Isaac R. Mills lots 13 and 16 in block 7 of Riverside Place; \$300.

W. H. Black to the Western Theological Seminary lot 16 in the survey of block 6 of Read and Company's addition to Decatur; \$4500.

Hiram H. Wise to Oleoff P. Chapell lot 15 in block 3 of H. H. Wise's third addition to Blue Mound; \$125.

Hiram H. Wise to Pierce P. Chapell lot 4 in block 3 of H. H. Wise's addition to Blue Mound; \$150.

Robert Moore to Hugh Moore the northeast quarter of section 34 township 17, range 1 west; no consideration named.

Eula B. Dorwin to John N. Randall a tract in block 3 of Adamson and Prather's addition of outlots to Decatur; \$1.

James Lowe to Rose W. Miller lot 5 in the survey of lots 14 and 15 in block 6 of the survey of the plat of Maroa; \$1300.

S. W. Johns to Jacobson and Real quit claim to lot 14 in the south half of the northeast quarter of section 11, township 16, range 1 west; \$1.

S. W. Johns to Illinois Central Traction company, quit claim to 30 feet of the entire north end of lot 14 and the south half of the northeast quarter of section 11, township 16, range 1 west; \$1.

A. H. Smith to S. W. Johns quit claim to all of lot 14 in the south half of the northeast quarter of section 11, township 16, range 1 west; \$1.

LITCHFIELD HAS HAD A BOOM

Ed Potter Tells of the Increase in Real Estate Values There.

THE RADIATOR FACTORY HELPED

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Potter of Litchfield went to Moweaqua yesterday to visit relatives after a short visit at Decatur with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bartholomew.

Eleven years have elapsed since Ed Potter went to Litchfield where he is now the local agent for the Standard Oil company. Yesterday he declared that Litchfield has had a wonderful growth during the last few years. As an instance of the way values have advanced and the demand for houses grown, he said that when he first went to Litchfield he rented a comfortable house for \$4 per month, without any added improvements, now rents for \$16 per month and the owner says that the price is to be advanced to \$20.

Two years ago Potter purchased a small residence property for which he offered \$600. A few days ago he was offered \$1200 for the place but declined. He says that the rise in values has been largely helped by the location there of the big establishment for the manufacture of radiators. That establishment will employ several hundred men and there are many engaged at present in the erection of the buildings. It is said that this establishment will cover about five acres of ground and will have several buildings that are necessary for its operation.

REVIVAL CAMPAIGN.

Arrangements Completed for Summer Meetings in This District.

The Decatur district committee of the Methodist Episcopal church met Tuesday with Rev. Horace Reed and arranged a summer campaign of revivals throughout the district. The following dates have been chosen and the assignments of the pastors are: June 13—North Main—Edgar and Theobald. June 14—Stonington—Stevenson and Simmons. June 15—Argenta—Ennis and Sharpe. June 16—Bethany—Carson and Theobald. June 17—McMurray and Omaha. June 18—Cerro Gordo—Engel and Metzger. June 19—Butler—Ariz. June 20—Assumption—Wohlfarth and Combs.

Decatur Circuit—Elwin, Artz and Simmons. Harrison—Moore and Robertson. Marquette—Farr and Pierce. Lexington—Wiley and Lloyd. Oconee—Madden and Metzger. Hillsboro—Hill and Gowdy. Aug. 8—Illopolis—Stevenson and Robertson.

Grace—Beggs and English. Warrensburg—McMurray and Sharpe. Moweaqua—Wohlfarth and Davidson. Hammond Circuit—Lake City—Edgar and Lloyd. Mocun—Davidson and Barton. Irving—Hill and Madden. Aug. 15—Pana—Van Cleave and Bartlett.

Onwaseco—Beggs and Cadwell. Latham—Wiley and Pierce. Blue Mound—Moore and Ennis. Rosamond—Gowdy and Patrick.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. Mary Hugenberger died Tuesday, May 24, at her home, 1461 North Morgan street, aged 66 years. A complication of diseases ended her death. Her husband had not been good for some time and her condition was not regarded as serious until Sunday night.

Mrs. Hugenberger was the wife of Samuel Hugenberger. Her maiden name was Mary Ellis. She was born in York county, Pa., and was married to Samuel Hugenberger on May 18, 1876. She had three children, who now survive her. They are Mrs. Ida Hotelling of Rockford and B. Luther and S. Elmer Hugenberger of Decatur. She is also survived by two stepsons, Al. H. Hugenberger of St. George, Kan., and Alfred C. Hugenberger of Tolpola, Ill., and by one brother, Sam Ellis, of McCook, Neb.

The funeral will be held at 3:30 o'clock today from the Church of God.

Mother Accuses Son. At Shelbyville, Ill., Mrs. Elizabeth Moore of Dry Point township swore out a warrant for the arrest of her two sons, Dan and Floyd, charging them with stealing a horse from her Saturday night. The young men, who have been staying in Shelbyville for several months, were quickly arrested.

A couple of weeks ago these young men made an unsuccessful attempt to have their mother committed to an insane asylum.

Killed By Lightning. Near Kansas, Ill., on Tuesday four horses drawing a gang plow driven by A. W. Morris were struck by lightning during an electrical storm and instantly killed.

Mr. Morris was seated on the plow at the time the bolt was not injured, at least. The plow was not damaged.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Edward R. Burr, Buffalo Hart 25
Grace P. Lawson, Buffalo Hart 19
W. J. Powell, Bement 24
Agnes Jarred, Paris 25
Alfred S. Smith, Bement 24
Lena E. Gillespy, Bement 19

No man can break a girl's heart as easily as some other man can repair it.

BUTTER A DRUG

The Market Overlooked With Country Product Which Finally Sells for Ten Cents Per Pound.

IT GOES TO THE PROCESS MEN.

Finally Comes Back to Old Friends Who Can't Recognize It.

Country butter is a drug on the market just now. It is such a stock of the grocery stores which a few weeks ago could not get enough country butter for their own trade now have two or three hundred pounds in stock.

Country butter is worth just what it will bring on the open market and that is not much just now unless the maker is a regular customer at a grocery store and then, not because it is wanted but because his trade is what his supply is purchased.

The grocer is likely to take the butter and sell it to a packer for less than he gave for it. Every Decatur grocer sells to the shippers country butter for about two-thirds of what they paid for it.

The butter is so plentiful that farmers are compelled to take a stock to the shippers. The latter recognize country butter only as the stuff that is worked over by the process butter makers. A farmer sold some of his stuff to a shipper yesterday and when he was offered only ten cents he exclaimed "Why this is table butter."

The shipper told the farmer that the only use that he could make of the butter was to sell it to the process men. Some of the butter makers would hold up their hands in horror if they could see the product of which they were really proud and not without reason perhaps, dumped into a barrel with other butter that was good, bad and indifferent. The process men buy this mixture in vast quantities and when they have worked it over and prepared it for the market it is really better than it was in the first place. Perhaps some of the butter makers would not believe that statement but it is true nevertheless. And it is clean. All of the rank conditions have been eliminated by heat and it is worked over and made a desirable article. While this stuff, all kinds mixed together, seems rank now it is even worse before the process man will get an opportunity to work it over. Just now he is busy gathering his stock for the fall and winter campaign. Soon he will get busy renovating the supply that he has gathered by the ton from all corners of the north and never know the difference. That is nothing to your discredit either from the fact that you could not detect it or the fact that you knowingly purchased it. Remember that one of the most distinguished butter judges in the state of Illinois when judging butter (country made) at a farmers' institute in Decatur, several years ago actually pinned a blue ribbon on a roll of butterine made at the stock yards in Chicago and never knew the difference. If the experts can't distinguish there is

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NOMINATIONS POSTPONED

Senatorial Convention of the Twenty-Fourth District Will Meet Again in June.

MOULTRIE WAS OVERRULED.

In accordance with a program generally understood in advance, the republican senatorial and representative convention for the Twenty-fourth district, which was held at Moultrie, Mo., at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, adjourned to meet June 17.

There was some opposition to the proposition to adjourn. Several delegates from Moultrie county expressed their desire to have the convention meet at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, adjourned to meet June 17.

Platt county delegates made an effort to get the convention to meet at Moultrie, but Champaign county's vote, cast by Mayor Swigart, chairman of the delegation in favor of the Beardley hotel settled the question.

McLean Elected Chairman.

On motion of J. L. Bodman of Platt county, L. A. McLean of Urbana was elected chairman of the convention. W. W. Parrish of Platt county and T. L. McDaniel of Moultrie county were elected secretary and assistant secretary respectively.

Platt county then introduced W. B. McKinley, who extended to the delegates an invitation to take a street car at the hotel and to see the baseball game at Illinois field. The offer was accepted with much enthusiasm. After the chairman had read the call, Mayor Swigart made a motion that the delegates present be declared the delegates to the convention, and this motion was carried.

Platt county delegate made the motion that the convention adjourn till June 17 to meet at Moultrie. Mayor Swigart of Urbana moved that Champaign be substituted for Moultrie. The chair declared the substitute carried on a viva voce vote and L. N. Bieblinger of Monticello called for a roll of counties. After Champaign had voted it was decided that a further call of the roll be deferred until June 17.

McKinley Given An Ovation.

W. B. McKinley was again introduced as "the next congressman." Mr. McKinley was given a rousing ovation. He told the delegates that he would be glad to represent the district at Washington, or if the congressional committee selected one of the other candidates he would do all that he could to promote that one's election—Champaign News.

KEEPS TOO COOL.

Vegetation Makes Slow Progress—Warmth and Sunshine Needed.

The crop bulletin issued from Springfield says:

"The temperature was low during the first half of the week and vegetation, consequently, made but little growth. Toward the end of the week it became warmer, with much needed sunshine. Light frosts in many sections. Several districts reported on several dates, but little or no damage resulted. Precipitation was deficient in the northern portion, and the soil is beginning to show a lack of moisture. In the southern portion most of the week was showery, and farming operations were delayed by wet condition of the soil."

The condition of oats is good in the northern districts and fair in the central and southern; they are reported to be thin in the last named districts. Wheat continues to improve, and it is beginning to head in the southern districts. Rice is making good progress. Meadows and pastures made rapid growth the latter part of the week, under the influence of warm sunshine. Opinions as to the condition of fruit are conflicting. It is believed, however, that the outlook for apples is good, for cherries, peaches and plums fair, and for peaches, very poor. It is reported that there will be some peaches in a few localities of the southern portion. Apples are abundant and ripening rapidly.

Gardens are growing slowly, as are potatoes; considerable replanting has been done.

SPIRITS DICTATED WILL.

A Perry County Jury Holds That It Is

A jury in a contested will case in the circuit court of Perry county has decided that spirits dictated a will. The case at hand was a will which was dictated by the late Mrs. M. C. Young, who was a firm believer in spiritualism.

The FREE Homestead

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several months ago. The case is the most remarkable one that has been tried in this section in years.

The plaintiff has a son, Adolph Young, and a daughter, who were the purpose of breaking the instrument, which was to another son, George Young, the worldly possessions of Mrs. Young, consisting of eighty acres of farming land.

Mrs. Young was a spiritualist and the spirits made known their wishes through her son, George. At the time the will was made George suggested to his mother that a spirit be placed in the room, and two days later she found a piece of paper under the pillow purporting to have been written by her deceased husband, giving the precise disposition of the property and the will was so written.

Mrs. Young has attracted wide notice. The best attorneys in that section were engaged in the case and the jury, after deliberating only thirty minutes, held that the will dictated by the spirit was valid.

It is the first case in the state where such an act has been sanctioned. It will be taken to the supreme court.

FRAUDS ARE PROCLAIMED

Weather Prophets Who Predict Years In Advance Gull Suspects.

To the Editor—Dear Sir: In your edition I will thank you to publish this letter, or such part thereof, as you may deem pertinent for the benefit of the public.

The publication of so-called weather forecasts, especially such as relate to severe storms, droughts and other atmospheric phenomena of a dangerous character, has become a serious problem.

The efforts of certain men to gain their predictions upon the public for personal gain, have not had such proportionate and temporary to the influence of those whom we believe to be preying upon the credulity of the public. Some of these men are honest, and many in their ignorance attach undue importance to their predictions.

It is in the nature of the case that in time of emergency with certain relative positions of the moon or with periods of unusual or decrease in sunspots, or abnormal conditions in the earth's atmosphere, there is a claim that they can predict what will happen when they will, and a storm within the hour.

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OAKLEY.

Mrs. J. W. Pobst, who has been critically ill with pneumonia, is recovering rapidly.

Levin Kinner of Prairie Hall and J. H. Hughes and M. C. Griffin of Decatur were here Wednesday to attend the funeral of Jasper Veech.

Daniel Knapp and wife of Clinton were visiting with relatives here Thursday.

B. S. Tyler & Co. are busy at work on their new elevator, which they are building at this place.

W. L. Burley returned home from Springfield Tuesday evening. He was one of the Mason county delegates to the convention and is a strong Hamilton supporter.

Chas. Holcomb is doing jury service in Decatur.

Among those from this vicinity who are attending the annual meeting of the German Baptists at Hartsville, Mo., are George Seisenbaugh, L. A. Wagner, George Seisenbaugh, L. A. Wagner, George Seisenbaugh, L. A. Wagner.

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LONG CREEK.

Grudge Lane, who has been staying with his daughter, Mrs. Maddox, since last fall, started Tuesday for his home in Missouri.

The Quak offering service of the Western Foreign Missionary society which was to have been held Sunday, May 27, was indefinitely postponed on account of bad weather.

Paired Tommy Miller Grinnell and Earl Fennell through Decatur's boys basketball team Long Creek Sunday afternoon on their way to Woodbine park. The boys seemed to be pretty well shaken up as the courts were not in very good shape for rolling their heels.

J. M. Hughes who had a stroke of paralysis a few days ago on the streets of Decatur, is no better.

Martin Brothers shipped a car load of hogs from here Monday.

May 27.

ELWIN.

Mrs. Charles Higgins who has been seriously ill for some time is no better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Miles visited relatives in Decatur Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Freeman, Mrs. Chas. H. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Dewey and wife, Dr. J. Leslie and family, Sunday.

Dr. Horace Reed held a lecture at the M. E. church of this place, Thursday night May 24.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Burt have returned from Madison, where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Evans who is sick.

The Ladies' Aid society met at W. Z. Brown's last evening.

Mrs. Asher Patterson was on the sick list.

Arthur Clapp was a Decatur visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Nicky of Oakley has been visiting in this place.

May 27.

FOUR ACCIDENTS

Four people had an unlucky day of it yesterday.

There was an exciting time in the 4th block on East Combs street this morning when a car was struck by a truck.

The daughter of J. W. Bell, living at 428 East Combs street was playing on the rear lawn at her home and she was suddenly pushed off a box on which she was standing and her left leg was dislocated. Dr. W. H. Bell was called to attend her.

Just about the time that Dr. Bell had finished his work on the little girl, Mrs. McKeen, living next door to the hospital, was struck by a broken log. Dr. Bell was called in to attend her and he found that the right knee was dislocated and the bone was broken. He summoned Dr. McKeen, who was called to attend her.

Yesterday C. G. Bowers of Hannibal was with a little accident while in Decatur. He was on a horse and he was thrown off and he stepped from the main at the station and when he climbed back onto the train he got the finger of his right hand caught in the door of the car and the hand was dislocated. Dr. F. W. Whitley was called to attend him.

W. Ward, a carpenter, met with a painful accident Monday evening while working. He was at work on a house and he was struck by a piece of lumber which was thrown onto a pile of lumber beneath. His face was badly cut up and several stitches had to be taken in his lip and his eye lid was badly cut. He was otherwise bruised and Dr. Whitley was called to attend him.

PLANNING LECTURE COURSE.

University Extension Course for Fall and Winter.

Decatur people interested in a university extension course of lectures during the coming winter are invited to meet with Prof. Trow of the Chicago university and talk over the matter.

Preliminary plans were made. Officers were elected as follows: President—J. C. Watson. Vice President—Edward Powers. Secretary—Miss Emma Buckingham. Treasurer—Miss McConary.

A committee was named to include the above officers and to make arrangements for the course. The committee is composed of the following persons: Mrs. V. N. Hostetter, Miss Jesse Montgomery, Mrs. W. H. Brown, Mrs. J. B. Brown, Mrs. J. B. Brown, Mrs. J. B. Brown.

The committee will meet Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock at the rooms of the Decatur club and will complete the plans for the course. They will also make arrangements for the course and will make arrangements for the course.

It is desirable to begin their early because many of the lectures are already engaged. It is expected that the course will begin in October.

BIDS WERE LACKING.

Asphalt Men Not Anxious For Contracts Of That Kind.

Some brick paved streets that are badly worn have been offered for sale by the city. The idea is to follow the plan adopted in Decatur and resurface with asphalt.

In looking for the bids the Springfield authorities specified that the work was to be guaranteed for ten years and that the cost was not to exceed \$100,000. The bids were not received.

When they refuse to even bid with the least ten cents per yard higher than the city would pay, the city looks as though this city had been particularly fortunate in getting a lot of work done at a small cost.

LOTS OF RED TAPE

Necessary to Secure An Affidavit For Government.

WILL FILED DISPOSING OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND ESTATE.

The will of the late Elmer Salisbury was admitted to probate in the county court Tuesday.

The will provides for the disposition of 140 acres of land in Macon county and personal property. The entire estate is valued at \$17,000.

The will is a short one and leaves everything to the widow, Lydia A. Salisbury, who is named as executrix and as such gave bond in the sum of \$10,000.

Justice Smith appointed J. S. Bortell, A. H. Davidson and Frank Knapp as appraisers.

SETTLED WITHOUT TRIAL

Intermarriage Gets Right of Way Through Natick.

The condemnation proceedings of the Natick Central Traction company against J. P. Farris and others came up in the county court Tuesday but was settled before it came to trial.

The suit was started for the purpose of getting a right of way for the proposed street car line from Paris and others. This was the only part of the right of way between Decatur and Riverdale that had not been secured.

After a jury was called the case was continued. The action concerning paying the owners of the land \$1,000 for the right of way.

SCHOOL CALENDARS.

Superintendent Johnson has prepared two school calendars for the year of 1934-5. The calendars will be submitted to the teachers and they will be decided on. Hereafter the calendars have been arranged arbitrarily.

The first one allows a week vacation at Christmas and one week spring vacation. The second provides for two weeks at Christmas and one week spring vacation.

CANDIDATES IN COOK

Some of Political Activity Has Shifted to the North End of the State This Week.

Gov. Tamm, Colonel Lowden and Colonel Warner of the republican party were busy in Chicago yesterday. The governor, besides making two speeches, had a number of conferences in his rooms in the city.

Colonel Lowden and his campaign headquarters in the Great Northern hotel were not open, says the Star-Oregon.

Most of the governor's time was taken up with the speeches he delivered in the city. He was also busy with the campaign.

Colonel Warner was also busy in Chicago. He was also busy with the campaign.

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MY BEST REFERENCE

IS NO FEE NEED BE PAID UNTIL CURED

I am not an old-time doctor with methods necessarily antiquated, obsolete and out of date; but on the other hand, my methods and practice are decidedly those of the present day—adding the benefits and experiences of the past to the superior knowledge and perfected methods of the present. They are the latest discovered, whose efficacy has been proven, and my experience in this class of diseases—those peculiar to men—for the past fifteen years, with my financial standing, the permanency of my location and the endorsements of the thousands whom I have cured and brought back to health and happiness, make me the only specialist today with sufficient confidence and faith in his treatment to offer the afflicted a